

DECLASSIFIED



Department of State

POL 1 AFG-US

NR ORG 7 TEHRAN

TELEGRAM

CONFIDENTIAL 929

PAGE 01 KABUL 01803 310456Z

15
ACTION NEA-11

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 NSC-10 SA-03 CIAE-00 INR-06 NSAE-00

RSC-01 AID-20 RSR-01 /067 A

059335

R 310330Z MAR 72
FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 8334

C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 1803

FOR HECK FROM LEWIS

SUBJECT: POLICY REVIEW - AFGHANISTAN

1. AT AMBASSADOR'S DIRECTION, WE ARE CONDUCTING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF US POLICY TOWARD AFGHANISTAN WITH EMPHASIS ON POSSIBLE CHANGES WARRANTED BY RECENT SHIFTS IN POWER RELATIONSHIPS IN REGION, PRESIDENTIAL MISSIONS TO PEKING AND MOSCOW, AND MORE ACTIVE FOREIGN POLICY POSTURE BEING ASSUMED BY ZAHIR GOVERNMENT.

2. A MAJOR PART OF REVIEW WILL INVOLVE OFF-SITE MEETING AT KANDAHAR USAID STAFF HOUSE AT WHICH APPROXIMATELY 15 MIDDLE AND JUNIOR GRADE OFFICERS FROM ALL ELEMENTS OF US MISSION WILL SPEND APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS EXAMINING IN DEPTH PREMISES AND CONCLUSIONS WHICH UNDERLIE OUR EXISTING POLICIES. TO ASSIST IN THIS EFFORT AND PROVIDE MORE BACKGROUND ON REGION, WE WANT TO INVITE ONE OFFICER FROM YOUR POLITICAL SECTION TO TAKE PART. WOULD ALSO PROVIDE GOOD OPPORTUNITY EXCHANGE VIEWS IN KABUL WITH SENIOR EMBASSY STAFF.

3. KANDAHAR MEETINGS BEGIN APRIL 22. OFFICER ESPECIALLY NEEDED FOR AGENDA ITEMS SCHEDULED APRIL 22-23. HE SHOULD BE HERE IN TIME PROCEED BY CAR WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS TO KANDAHAR ON APRIL 21. CONSULTATIONS

CONFIDENTIAL

Kabul 1803
3-31-72

R

2



DECLASSIFIED

Department of State

TELEGRAM

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KABUL 01803 310456Z

KABUL COULD OCCUR EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER CONFERENCE,
AS DESIRED.

4. AS OUR BUDGET EXTREMELY TIGHT, HOPE EMBASSY TEHRAN
COULD FUND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. WE CAN HANDLE IN-
COUNTRY TRAVEL AND PER DIEM. SP-4.
NEUMANN

CONFIDENTIAL
DECLASSIFIED